

SHERM OLSRUD

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize and commend Mr. Sherm Olsrud for his extensive community service and philanthropy efforts in Rogue Valley and the rest of the southern Oregon region over the last 40 years. Sherm passed away in May at the age of 95, survived by his wife, Wanda, and their children. Today, I'd like to pay tribute to Sherm's service to our nation and his commitment and generosity to Oregonians in need.

Sherm's sense of duty and service began early in life when he left North Dakota to serve as a United States Marine in the South Pacific during World War II. Following the war, Sherm settled in Eugene, Oregon and met his wife-to-be, Wanda, while working in his Uncle's restaurant. They immediately fell in love and were happily married in February 1947.

Over the next decade, the couple's love and ambition would bring them great success. Sherm used his GI Bill benefits to train as a meat cutting apprentice and in 1958 he and Wanda would buy Wilson's Sausage Kitchen establishing their first family business in Eugene. After several years of building their small business they opened Eugene's first all-day market in a new 10,000 square foot grocery store named Sherm's 24 Hour Market.

With the resourcefulness, adaptability, and integrity of a United States Marine he kept Sherm's running successfully for nearly ten more years before selling the business in order to expand his business throughout the southern Oregon. Sherm and Wanda built a family store chain purchasing the old Thunderbird Market in Medford in 1967, the Mayfair Market in Klamath Falls in 1974, the Bazaar department store in Medford in 1977, the Food 4 Less franchise in 1985, and Food World in Roseburg in 2000. They often worked more than 12 hours every day of the week to maintain their vision while employing more than 600 people. Sherm would also say "the customer is still the boss, always has been and always will be because the customer has a lot of options."

Although his business accomplishments demonstrate a record of success, none of it would have been possible without the distinguished character and value system of the man himself. Sherm believed in sharing the fruits of his success with those less fortunate in the community by supporting programs to help them get back on their feet. For instance, every year Sherm and Wanda donated nearly 50,000 pounds of food and toiletry items to the Jackson County ACCESS community assistance program.

Sherm has also supported fun educational programs for local children and young adults. Sherm and Wanda generously donated to local programs like Future Farmers of America, 4H Club, and Kids Unlimited, as well as maintaining Bear Creek Park, building a \$20,000 fence for McLoughlin Middle School, and covering ticket costs for all children twelve and under for the Jackson County Fair. Even upon receiving a share of a winning Powerball ticket he sold, he quickly donated the funds to two local elementary schools. Well known as a sports enthusiast, Sherm was able to bring

the Portland Trail Blazers to Kids Unlimited to play ball with the children.

Additionally, Sherm always believed that pursuing higher education is foundational for the well-being and success of communities. Sherm would say, "As time goes by, our society demands educated people. Our country needs educated people." Therefore, he and Wanda established a series of scholarship funds to promote education and help students in financial need. These include The Sherm and Wanda Olsrud Scholarship Fund and The Olsrud 4H and FFA Scholarship Fund that offer renewable \$5,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors, as well as the Sherm & Wanda Olsrud Endowed Scholarship that offers up to \$5,000 to students attending Southern Oregon University.

Over his long life, Sherm has demonstrated integrity, duty, and true generosity in every community in which he lived. Sherm's business acumen and benevolence are well known across most of the southern Oregon region including Douglas, Lane, Josephine, Jackson, and Klamath counties for the past 40 years and his legacy will continue for many years into the future. In fact, the Olsrud family has opened Sherm's memorial service to the broader public due to widespread interest in celebrating Sherm's accomplishments and philanthropy.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in thanking Sherm for his many years of service and generosity throughout southern Oregon, and I give my condolences to Wanda, and the Olsrud family.

**HONORING MR. KENNETH HILTON
HICKMAN****HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize the achievements of Mr. Kenneth Hilton (K.H.) Hickman, a proud native and star athlete of Freeport, Illinois; Hickman served in the United States Navy as a Fire Control Technician Third Class (FT3) aboard the USS *Bristol* 857 Naval Destroyer. The USS *Bristol* was first commissioned in 1945 and served valiantly during World War II from 1944 to 1946, including involvement at Pearl Harbor on June 9, 1945. From the time of Hickman's enlistment in 1954 to 1958, the USS *Bristol* was involved in various post-war activities: participation in operation SPRINGBOARD, refresher trainings in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Anti-Submarine Duty with the Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic (ComAntiSubLant), a four month tour with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean, involvement in the NATO exercise NEW BROOM V and various HUK operations, and a midshipman to Valpariso via the Panama Canal to engage in even more NATO exercises. Hickman's opportunity to have a well-rounded naval experience while serving his country was extensive and evident aboard the USS *Bristol*.

On the morning of Thursday, July 31, 1958, just two years after graduating from Freeport High School in 1954 and enlisting to serve the U.S. Military, Hickman was lost at sea while serving. During time of his death, the ship had

set sail for Bergen, Norway, Balboa, Spain and Hamburg, Germany for a six-week Midshipman cruise and Fleet Exercise. After 61 long years, we celebrate the life and service of Mr. Hickman. The state of Illinois is grateful for his sacrifice and blessed to honor such a public servant who dedicated his young years for a noble cause.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF
CHRISTOPHER KELLY RAPP****HON. ELAINE G. LURIA**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Christopher Kelly Rapp, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost Christopher far too soon.

Christopher worked as an engineer for the Department of Public Works for the City of Virginia Beach. Rapp graduated from Old Dominion University and studied civil engineering. He brought his knowledge and expertise to the city just 11 months prior to the shooting. Friends described Rapp as positive and kind. Rapp's life of hard work and service to the community, as well as his positive attitude, will forever be remembered.

Christopher Kelly Rapp will be missed by all his loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from his presence; he made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor his life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION**HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PETERSON. Madam Speaker, it was my intention to vote Nay on the Torres of California Part B Amendment No. 10 (Roll Call Vote No. 442) to H.R. 2500, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020.

I would like to reflect my opposition to Ms. TORRES' amendment to prohibit the administration from transferring oversight of export for some types of firearms, ammunition and related items from the U.S. Munitions List under the State Department's International Traffic in Arms Regulations to the Commerce Control List, under the Commerce Department's Export Administration Regulations.

HONORING TITO SASAKI**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with the Honorable JARED HUFFMAN to recognize Tito Sasaki on his induction to the Sonoma County Farm Bureau Hall of Fame. His induction to the Hall of Fame signifies his commitment to Sonoma County's agricultural community and efforts to protect our 500,000 acres of cherished farmland.

Mr. Sasaki was born in 1938 in Tokyo, Japan. He has pursued his education in many different subjects and countries. He attended a seminary run by German Jesuits, studied mechanical engineering at a Japanese university, received a degree with honors in industrial design from the Royal College of Art in London, earned his Master of Science in Ekistics from Athens Technical Institute in Greece, completed postgraduate studies at the Institute of Traffic and Transpiration Engineering at UC Berkeley, and studied oceanography at the Scripps Institute at UC San Diego.

Mr. Sasaki has worked tirelessly on water issues in Sonoma County for over twenty years. He has devoted much of his time to developing water solutions and strategies, namely a balance between the water needs of farmers, fish, and urban residents. His work with the County was integral for the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Mr. Sasaki joined the Sonoma County Farm Bureau in 1985 after he and his wife bought their ranch and began to revive a neglected vineyard on the property. He has sat on the Sonoma County Farm Bureau Board of Directors for over fifteen years and was President of the Board from 2013 to 2014. He is also a member and past Chairman of Sonoma County Farm Bureau's Water Committee and a member of the Natural Resources Committee. In addition to his service at the Sonoma County Farm Bureau, Mr. Sasaki was a member of the Board of the Sonoma Ecology Center and is a member of the California Farm Bureau Federation Water Committee.

In addition to his contributions to Sonoma County Farm Bureau and our farming community, Mr. Sasaki is the President of Quantum Mechanics Corporation. Mr. Sasaki is known for his astute analytical skills, which he has employed in his work to help farmers and landowners.

Madam Speaker, Tito Sasaki is an integral member of our farming community and is deserving of his induction to the Sonoma County Farm Bureau Hall of Fame. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

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HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD the following article, written by Max Richtman, the president and CEO of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, for my colleagues. As Chairman of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security, I urge my colleagues to fight to protect Social Security for all working Americans, especially millennials who will rely on Social Security significantly more than their parents' or grandparents' generation. Mr.

Richtman's article makes a persuasive case to rebut efforts to divide the generations by claiming that today's millennials bear the burden of supporting today's retirees. The Social Security 2100 Act will ensure that Social Security is there for generations to come for all, including millennials.

WE MUST FIGHT TO PRESERVE SOCIAL
SECURITY FOR MILLENNIALS

(By Max Richtman)

If you're a millennial, you have may been led to believe that you have a better chance of seeing a UFO or Bigfoot than receiving a Social Security check. In a recent survey, some 80 percent of millennials are concerned that they won't be able to receive any Social Security benefits upon retirement.

With the steady drumbeat of dystopian disinformation flowing from Social Security's opponents and many in the media, who could blame them? No wonder the young adults I talk to at town hall meetings across the country tell me the same thing: "Social Security will not be there for me when I need it." Let me assure the U.S.'s young people that Social Security will be there for you in the future, if you fight for it now.

Don't listen to so-called "entitlement reformers" who try to divide the generations by telling you it's unfair that millennials "support" today's retirees through Social Security payroll contributions. This ignores the fact that the program has always been a compact between the generations—and has provided Americans with basic income in retirement for more than 80 years. Social Security is the bedrock of the U.S.'s working and middle classes. We can't allow conservative ideologues to erode it.

These "reformers" count on people forgetting that Social Security is much more than a retirement income program. It also provides disability, spousal and survivor's benefits to Americans of all ages. The average worker with a spouse and two children would have to purchase more than \$600,000 in life and disability insurance to replace the protections Social Security provides. In fact, some 1.2 million millennials already receive Social Security benefits.

Social Security is as much a millennials' program as anyone else's. Current trends indicate that millennials will rely on Social Security retirement benefits significantly more than their parents' or grandparents' generations. Increasing income inequality, wage stagnation, student loan debt, declining home ownership, the gig economy and the scarcity of employer-provided pensions have put young peoples' retirement security at risk.

The National Institute on Retirement Security reports that two-thirds of millennials haven't saved any money for retirement. At the same time, future seniors face rapidly escalating living costs. Basic expenses—from housing to health care to groceries—will become even pricier in decades to come. What's more, millennials will live longer on average than today's retirees, meaning they'll have to spread out their financial resources over a greater number of years.

That's why Social Security will be even more crucial in keeping today's young people out of poverty in old age. According to a recent Urban Institute study, the average millennial will receive \$1,000,000 in Social Security retirement benefits. That's about

twice the average amount that today's retirees collect. But this will happen only if we are able to prevent "reformers" from cutting benefits, including raising the retirement age and adopting a more miserly formula for calculating yearly cost-of-living adjustments. Don't let them fool you into believing that slashing benefits is the only way to keep the system solvent for the future—or that we should gamble with the Social Security trust fund by investing it on Wall Street.

In fact, there is another path forward, championed by Rep. John Larson (D-Connecticut) and Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont), among others in Congress. Both have introduced legislation that would put Social Security on a solid financial footing for the future, while Rep. Larson's bill provides a modest, but much-needed boost in benefits. Each bill would adjust the Social Security payroll wage cap (currently set at \$132,900) so that the wealthy would begin paying their fair share into the program.

Representative Larson's bill also includes a 1.2 percent increase in employee payroll contributions spread out over 24 years. The average worker would contribute an extra 50 cents per week toward future Social Security benefits—the equivalent of one Starbucks coffee drink every two months. As Larson points out, that's a pretty good deal in exchange for the peace of mind of knowing Social Security will remain fully solvent through the end of the century, with more generous benefits and cost-of-living adjustments. If you're an average income earner, you will surely need both to pay your bills in old age.

Millennials, here's a chance to harness the power of your generation to exert influence on the future course of Social Security. Instead of accepting the false narrative that Social Security is doomed, join your parents and grandparents in protecting Social Security as if your future financial well-being depends on it—because it does.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT
"BOBBY" WILLIAMS

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Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Robert Williams, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost Robert far too soon.

Williams, known as Bobby, worked for the Department of Public Utilities for the City of Virginia Beach for over 40 years. Bobby was a true public servant and was dedicated to his work and mission. Many remember learning from him and praised his knowledge of the institution and the system. Bobby's life of hard work and service to the community will forever be remembered.

Bobby will be missed by all his loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from his presence; he made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor his life.